MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program prepares graduates to assume leadership roles as family nurse practitioners (FNP), educators, and administrators. The curriculum prepares graduates to design and implement nursing practices that take into account the values, beliefs, and self-care practices of individuals, and of families experiencing family-system deficits. Graduates are supported in acquiring expertise to evaluate and manage situations that may compromise a family in meeting universal, developmental, or health-deviation self-care requisites. Each recipient of the MSN degree has specialization in family health nursing and either of the following professional role concentrations: **1- Family Nurse Practitioner, 2- Nursing Education, or 3 - Nursing Administration.**

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

There are a number of ways to advance and thrive in a nursing career, especially with a Master's of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree. Nurses with graduate degrees, in particular advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) are among the most in-demand nurses in our country due to the health professional shortage in primary care. Nurse Educators are also in demand due to the shortage of nursing faculty and Nurse Administrators are needed to fill leadership roles in an expanding health care infrastructure.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. A Bachelor of Science in Nursing from an NLN / CCNE accredited college or university as evidenced by official transcript
2. **GPA**
   a. **Regular Admission** - A minimum over-all cumulative undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale as indicated by official Bachelor of Science (BSN) transcript (at the time of graduation with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree) is required for regular admission status.
   b. **Conditional Admission** - Applicants who have a cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 2.70 (at the time of graduation with a BSN degree) may be considered for conditional admission at the discretion, and upon the recommendation, of the School of Nursing Graduate Nursing Program Admissions Committee.
3. **A satisfactory Graduate Record Exam** (GRE) score taken within 5 years of the application.
4. **Licensure Evidence of a current unencumbered Louisiana Registered Nurse (RN)** license with no restrictions.
5. **Years of Experience for Nurse Practitioner Role** : A minimum of two (2 years of full- time nursing experience as a Registered Nurse in direct patient care delivery within the past five (5) years. Administration / Education Role: A minimum of two (2) years of full-time experience as Registered Nurse within the past five (5) years.
6. Evidence of Computer Literacy
7. Completion of a prerequisite course in introductory statistics at the 200, 300 level, or above within the past five (5) years.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- Graduation is based on satisfactory completion of all course work in an approved program of study and the student must meet all graduation requirements of the University.
- The minimum grade point average (GPA) required for graduation is 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- All MSN students must pass a written comprehensive examination.
- Students have an option to complete a Thesis or a Non-thesis (Clinical Research Project)

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

The Department offers graduate assistantships for eligible students who show outstanding potential. These working assistantships are competitively awarded typically for an academic year and are based on availability of funds.

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THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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